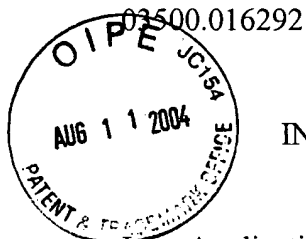


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Europe 0 991 260
- (2) Europe 0 936 808
- (3) Europe 0 930 757
- (4) PCT/WO 99/17529

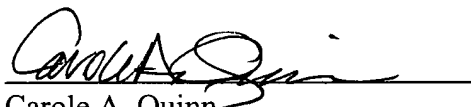
These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report from the European Patent Office is enclosed.

The European Search Report also cites JP 11-008823, which was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated September 18, 2002. An English-language abstract for document (4) is enclosed. In addition, a concise explanation of the relevance of each of the above-listed documents is provided in the European Search Report.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of Form PTO-1449.

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